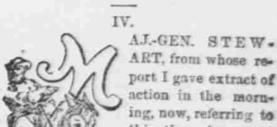
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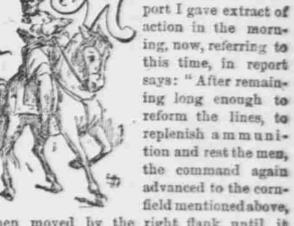
VERY CLOSE CALL

Pandemonium Surcharged and Let Loose on Our Front.

SOLD HIM IN KNOXVILLE-PARTED COM- Turchin's Brigade Cut Their Way Through the Rebels.

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om where I traded horses. Two more of the then moved by the right flank until it liquely to the front and right. The ene-I rode a short distance up the stream, then | my was still in position behind a breastthe horse I had abandoned. Taking a short of us. * * A prisoner brought up before the charge was made stated that the shots at me before I could make them under- position was held by the Federal General

In front, in the line of works, at Co. E. I found him a corpse and his head shot full of | 36th Ohio, there was a good position for observation of the enemy's lines. Near this



MRS. TURCHIN SAVING THE AMMUNITION TRAIN.

Corp'l Wood, of Co. A, was standing, with his head well above the works, coolly looktenant (wish I could recall his name) and two | ing for a good shot, when a bullet from the men, and knowing well their business I asked | enemy struck him full in the face near the left eye, passing out at the back of the neck. He fell, apparently dead. After a little while, looking up, he saw Lieut.-Col. Devol. on him. He said: "Colonel, I guess they have given it to me this time." Serg't A. R. icisurely until I reached a road running in the dead; but presently, to his surprise, saw him get up on his hands and knees and begin was stopped by him and asked about his wound; to which he made answer, "I guess they've got me this time." But they hadn't, Soon after I saw the Lieutenant riding up. I I remember when the Corporal (a sparevisaged gentleman) was shot at Antietam, Hospital, Maryland,) with the writer after that battle. No one could be spared then to was found by some of the musicians and carried in a blanket during the afternoon Early the next morning we were all furnish- and evening about two miles. The gentleed with transportation to Nashville, where man made a fair recovery. Recently he wrote me as follows: " * * * I was ounce round ball. It cut off six teeth at their roots and severed the bone. I lay at



Middletown, Md., on the third, where the

Hiding and Resting in a Cave for 10

HELD UP BY A YANK.

A Corn-Husking Bee Followed by a Dance.

A SCOUTING EXPEDITION.

ment Once More.

The Scout Returns to His Regi-

BY JOHN E. PARNSWORTH, 1ST WIS. CAV., BAZINE, KAN. CHAPTER X.

PALSE ALARM-HIDING AND RESTING IN A CAPE, "FOR GOD'S SAKE, BUN"-EXPERI-ENCE WITH CHESTNUTS-CORN HUSKING AND DANCE.



O horses or dangerous indications could be found around, and as we approached and looked through the

cordially invited to enter, Mr. M. stepping ington.

ville, Tenn., and we found her a lady in the | Counties. home guards as we approached the house, pretty good condition. before he could be stopped.

satisfied the cravings of our appetites.

After putting ourselves around as much of

An extra supply of blankets was brought | which Mr. Fox said he could wade all the out and offered us, as our kind hostess was | way across. afraid there were not enough at the cave to We pulled off our clothes, tied them in accommodate us all. As I had been quite two bundles and carried them so as to keep lame for several days, I was glad to accept | dry. Hall said that I must go ahead, as I

Reaching the cave after an hour's walk, I took the lead. The water was fully four bedding upon the rocks, we were soon dream- gentleman remained on the bank until we ing of loved ones at home. We slept until reached the opposite shore, then we called breakfast and started down the mountain he returned to his home, giving us direcwith our friend to meet a number of men tions, before leaving, to John Dockery's, a other words, men who positively refused to about 3 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Dockery got up take a musket and fight for the Confederate and gave us a lunch and directions to Nim-

After two or three miles' travel we were daylight, and Mrs. T. served up breakfast as



piloted into a laurel thicket, with a clear space of about 50 feet square in the center, where we found 20 men, each armed with us into a laurel thicket and promised to old-fashioned muzzle-loading rifles, with send out our breakfast as soon as it could be powder-horn and bullet-pouch hanging by their sides, reminding us of Revolutionary days as reported in "ye olden" time. They were like undressed diamonds, rough to look upon, but inside those home-made garments were hearts as true and loyal as any north you." of Mason and Dixon's line.

During the day we had several invitations to visit their caves, or homes, as they called them, and as I was troubled with rheumatism, my companions agreed to accept the with hot coffee. invitations of two men named Queen and

After traveling two or three miles I, being nearly exhausted, said to Mr. Yonger, "How much farther is it?"

step a little to one side we will open up."

IMAGINE MY SURPRISE when I saw him scrape away the leaves, down to Mr. Esteps.

take away some flat rock, then a few pieces of beards, revealing a hole just and we could get no satisfactory answer from large enough to admit one man at a time. any of the family and were finally ordered Entering we found a small room fitted up off the place. This was something of a surwith a fireplace to make it comfortable. prise, and we were at a loss what to do. As we passed around the corner of the house them." They had dug out the room and covered it Mrs. Estep met us and said: with poles and dirt, then transplanting the "For God's sake, run down that path and | we found him an outspoken Union man.

brush that was growing over it. They dug get out of sight as soon as possible, and I covering it over, for a chimney. We remained here 10 days; came on Nov. 7 and left on the 17th, 1864.

you soon."

would do anything to help us.

ventured to knock at the door.

Hall was confident we were not following

around the house a while to satisfy Hall, we

Mr. Story's son came to the door and de-

manded what was wanting. Informing him

that we were escaped prisoners from Salis-

bury, traveling on the underground railroad,

and had been referred to his father as one of

hand, and by this time the old gent had got

up, and he too had to question us. Con-

vincing them at last that we were what we

claimed, and not militia, they directed us to

to refuse anything in the eatable line, we

It clouded up just after starting down the

mountain, and we had some sifficulty in

ground, and we ate pretty freely of them. It

forenoon I awoke badly bloated, like Paddy's

mule, and was convinced that a pint of green

chestnuts could create a greater commotion in

a man's stomach than a pint of vinegar bit-

Mr. Hatton's son-in-law agreed to pilot us

decided to accept their kind hospitality and re-

The next day they had a corn-gathering and

in the evening a busking-bee, in which about

20 young folks and some older ones participated.

The corn was all shucked by 10 o'clock and

dance. I was too lame to take part in the fes-

tivities, and went out and crawled into a pile

CHAPTER XI.

BOY IN BLUE-ADDITION TO OUR PARTY.

RETREAT-REACHED COL. KIEK'S COMMAND.

of corn-husks and slept until morning.

RIENCE CATCRING CHICKENS.

filled up on baked apples and milk.

mountain. They asked us to take a lunch | but they were always on the lookout, and kept

Not wishing to live altogether upon the charity of our friends, we decided to furnish the pork, and having learned the whereabouts of an old reb, we visited his place and took the best hog we could find, skinned and dressed it according to the fashion learned while with our command. Mr. Youger, being of a conscientious nature, refused to eat any of our provisions, and we agreed

window, only a well- to eat pork straight as long as we stopped filled table and a there, if he did not help us cat it. He said finding Mr. Hatton's, but finally succeeded daily, until we numbered 25 or upwards.

chilled mortals, while | hog meat than to eat of it himself. Mr. Mullie and wife, When the time arrived for us to leave our day dressed in their best, kind mountain friends, Murphy wanted to We passed through a chestnut grove on the 75, ready to march. While crossing Flint Mountwere there to welcome | go southeast, through the Counties of Caldus. In answer to our | well, Burke, McDowell and Yancey; then rap the door was opened and we were north through Madison and Union to Wash- and I never forgot it. About 10 o'clock in the | we called at every house we came to, hoping to

forward and introducing us to Mrs. Southers. I thought Murphy was looking more to Everything that could have been asked his interest than ours, as his family resided was done for our comfort, but the great, in Buncombe County, and argued that it wide Southern fireplace, with its blazing was going a good many miles to see Mrs. logs, was the most attractive of all for 10 or M .; so we separated on the 17th of Novem- clouded up in the evening and had the appearber, Hall deciding to stay with me and Sto- ance of rain, he did not like to venture out, Mrs. Southers was the mother of the young | ver going with Murphy; we taking a more man who shot Gen, John Morgan at Greene- easterly course, through Watauga and Carter main over a day or two.

truest sense. A nephew of hers had come | The day we left our friends in Wilkes in from his hiding-place in a cave in the County we traveled 25 miles, crossing the mountains to meet us, but mistaking us for head waters of the Yadkin, and were in

he ran out into the rain and got soaking wet We were directed to a Mr. Wallace, thence to Jason Davis, William Canton and T. Fox, Our teeth stopped chattering in 10 min- a man 63 years old, where we arrived about utes, and after spending about 30 minutes in 11 o'clock at night. Calling the old gentlesocial converse with our new-found friends, man up, we asked if he could give us direcwe were invited into the dining-room and tions to some private ford on the Yadkin which was not likely to be guarded.

WITH A PATRIOTIC INSPIRATION the good things provided as was good for us he said he ought to do something for his counwe went back to the glowing fireplace. After | try, and would go with us, as it was only seven two or three hours spent in pleasant conver- miles, and in a few minutes was dressed and sation, we decided to accept the kind offer of started out at a lively pace, with his over-Mr. Southers and go up the mountain to his coat on his arm. He was a good walker, man, but his brothers, Reuben and Owen, were and we were soon on the banks of the river.

took us to a stack of corn fodder out in his

field. Pulling out two or three bundles, he

place for men who were fleeing from rebel-

supper. As the militia are numerous in

this locality you had better lie pretty still."

We were tired, our stomachs well filled,

and with a good bed, slept nearly all day,

crawling out of our hiding place after dark,

just in time to hear a lot of militia pass by,

man named Muller. Arriving there he

gave us directions through Deep Gap to Mr.

Reaching his place just at daylight, he

said it was not safe for us to stop one minute.

as the authorities suspected him, but guided.

cooked. The morning air was sharp and

our teeth were chattering lively, she said:

"It would have warmed us up," said Hall,

"It is terrible risky," she said, "but I will

She went back to the house and in a few

"It is Jeff Davis coffee," she remarked,

handing it to us. "It is not the flavor you

so much need just now as something hot to

Finishing our breakfast, Mr. Landers ac-

companied us a few miles as guide, and led

Arriving there we learned he was absent,

minutes returned with a coffeepot filled

but was a good Union man.

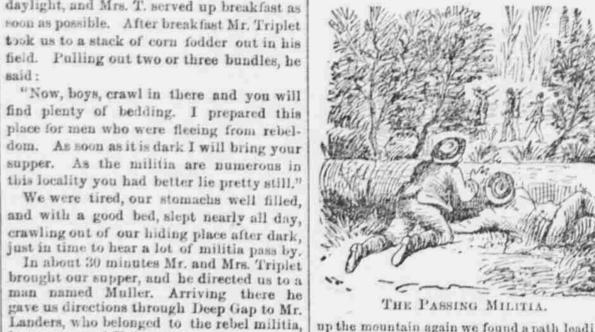
try and get some."

warm your chilled blood."

represented as radical rebs, and to avoid mistakes, their houses and surroundings had been About noon it began to rain and never ceased until late in the night. While following a footpath through the woods, voices were heard in front of us and we hid behind an old chestnut log, not a minute too soon, when several men almost any offer to rest and recruit myself. | could swim out if I got into a deep hole; so | with guns passed by, who, we afterwards learned,

belonged to a militia regiment close by. we found it a shelter from the wind and feet deep, and as there was ice on both the path, intending to parallel it a mile or two storm, but cold and damp. Spreading our banks, our bath was a cold one. The old and return to it as soon as we thought it safe, but we became confused, and after traveling several miles in search of the path and not finding it, concluded we were lost and bad bet-Bo'clock the next morning, then ate our out to him that we were all "O. K.," when ter go down the mountain and take the chances, rather than try to find our way back to Hat-

Traveling about two miles down the mountknown in that country as " scouters," or, in | brother-in-law of his, where we arrived | ain we came to a house in a little valley, which we believed was Owen Coffee's. It was house of Austin Coffee, but in vain, and going red Triplet's, where we arrived a little before



up the mountain again we found a path leading into another valley, which, after following a mile or two, brought us to a log house. After a half hour's watching, to ascertain if we ventured to the house, and asking who lived there were informed that Mr. Coffee did. "Had we found the wrong Coffee again?" was the question uppermost in our minds as we asked,

chilled us, as Mr. Landers cautioned us to What is Mr. Coffee's given name?" keep very still. His daughter came out with "His name is Cleveland," was the reply. our breakfast after about an hour, and as "Is he a brother of Austin?" we asked, not having been posted as to his sentiments. "I wish I had brought some hot coffee for "Yes," said Mrs. Coffee. "Will you tell us who you are and where you are going?" "We are escaped prisoners on our way to Knoxville, and would like to find the home of Austin Coffee," we replied.

"You are trying to deceive me; you belong to the militia. " No, we do not; we are Yankees, or Federal soldiers, and have no object in deceiving you. "Do you know Reuben or Owen Coffee?" "We have heard of them, but don't want to

see them." 'I guess you are all right, and can stop here just as well as to go back to Austin's." Assuring her that we would feel safer at

We were informed Mr. Coffee would not be at home before 8 or 9 o'clock; but Mrs. Coffee made us welcome, and we proceeded to dry our clothes before the fireplace. Speaking of our meeting with the other Mrs.

Mr. Coffee returned a little after dark, and the abandoned plunder.

We began to take in the situation, and lit without going to Salisbury to guard them."

out at a lively gait down that path without further ceremony. We had not gone far when we looked around and saw Mrs. Estep | raining we must sleep in the house. At bed- except one plate "lost in action." coming after us on the run. Halting to astime he pointed to the bed and said, "Crawl man belonging to the militia was then at at home. the house, and several more were expected | We accepted his kind offer, and slept in a bed

for the first time in several months. every minute, which would explain her The next morning we started for the Banner strange actions; they were friends, and the directions given by Mr. Coffee.

Secreting ourselves during the day, we About noon were surprised to see a young called upon Mr. Piper, having been directed called upon Mr. Piper, having been directed there by Mrs. Estep, who in turn directed tree and call out: "Halt! Hold up your us up the road eight miles to the house of J. hands,

Story, on the top of the mountain, and we OR I WILL PUT A HOLE THROUGH YOU." were compelled to take to the brush several Taking in the situation, we got our hards up times to avoid being seen by parties coming in good shape, and asked : "Are you a Federal

directions, but we reached there just as the | you?' We informed him, and he took the gun from his face. He belonged to the 1st N. C. Cav., clock struck 3 a. m., and after prowling was home on furlough, and had taken us for home guards or militia. Following his directions, we arrived at Mr. Banner's in the after-

"Yes," was his ready answer. "Who are

A little after dark we got our supper and slept in the loft of his stable. Here we met James McReynolds, who lived in Carter County, its conductors, he asked us numerous ques- | Tenn., and gave us directious to his camp. tions, and we were interviewed by one of | Early the next morning we crossed over into the daughters; then the old lady took us in | Tennessee, but as it snowed all day we failed to reach McReynolds's, and halted for the night in the upper end of Crab Orchard Valley. The next morning we pulled on to Dr. Leonard's, thence to McReynoids's and young Banner's. During our stay in Carter County we went Charles Hatton's, in a little cove down the out several times to bushwhack the militia,

before starting, and as we were never known out of our way. We were joined here by Lieut, Taylor, of the 1st Md.; Lieut, Blackburn, 9th Tenn., and Lieuts. Brown and Coleman, of the 5th U.S.

Escaped prisoners came into Crab Orchard warm fire presented of two evils he always chose the least, and a little after sunrise, and found the family As we had been living upon the charity of the a tempting invitation | believed he would be committing a greater | at breakfast. We had no trouble in con- loyal people in this County, it was decided to to us drenched and sin by allowing us to kill ourselves eating vincing him that we were all right, and make a raid into Johnson County, Tenn., and after partaking of a hearty breakfast we several days were spent in getting men, arms went into a laurel-thicket and remained that | and ammunition ready. Arrangements were soon completed, and our party, numbering about road to our thicket, where the nuts covered the ain a snowstorm set in, which continued all catch them, but we failed.

At one place we called the man out and kept him in the crowd natil his wife could dress and light a candle. "Let me go is and put my thoes on," he said. As I was nearly barefooted, I decided he should not put them on, and as over into the Coffee settlement, but as it soon as the woman brought out the light we went into the house. "I guess I'll take care of these," said I, picking up the shoes. "That is the only pair I have," said he. and as I was suffering from rheumatism, we

"I will give you mine." "Yours are of no earthly account," he com-I admitted the correctness of his conclusions, but told him they would answer his purpose

better than mine, as he could sit in the house the young people went to the house to have a and keep his feet dry. As I pulled my old ones off Hall concluded they were better than his, and left the man the total wrecks he had been wearing.

I found my new shoes were No. 11's. Lieut. Coleman captured the boy shous and was in a worse fix than I, for he had a No. 10 foot and a pair of eight shoes, so I hantered him for a trade, to which he willing assented. Calling at the next house in search of the rebs, we were fired upon through one of the FOR STOCK AND PLUNDER-SURPRISED ON windows, and as Lieut. Taylor was passing the window he received a slight wound from some-

MURPHY AND STOVER RETURNED-EXPEone inside with a pitchfork. Not wishing to harm anyone of the family, We decided to move on in the morning, and we called upon them to come out or give up as the son-in-law could not accompany us as the soldiers, as we would tear the bouse down ne had agreed to do, we started alone. We had if they did not comply. As no move was made been directed to Austin Coffee as a good Union toward complying with our demands, I went to the rear of the house and began tearing off the siding. At this juncture I was startled by the report of several guns, and going around to the front of the house raw a man running through the crowd, flourishing a pitchfork.

As he cleared the crowd and jumped into the river be was hit in the back and fell into the water, which closed over him. He soon regained his feet, ran across the stream, and fell boys followed and brought him back, when it was discovered that he was mortally wounded. Leaving him with his friends, we started for

ARRIVING IN THAT VICINITY, we learned that the militle had been reinforced by some regular Confederate soldiers from Abingdon, Va., who had taken possession of the courthouse, and we did not think it policy to bring on a fight with them.

As our object was to capture stock, we decided to dash in as near Taylorsville as possiof cattle, some guns and revolvers, and all the camp soon after dark, plunder the men could carry. Before leaving Crab Orchard a man named

Carver requested me to get him six earthen

plates, as he was nearly out of them. Selectng my plunder, which consisted of a pair of pantaloons and six plates, I put them in a dillowship, slung them across my back, and was ready to march at a moment's notice. Having accomplished our object we started back. I was assisting in guarding the prisoners. In less than 30 minutes we heard a fearful yell in our rear, and down came a squad of cavairy after us. To say that the men broke and ran would be expressing it very mildly, Everything was stampeded and running like a herd of wild buffaloes. I abandoned my prisoners, and flatter myself that I made as good time as any that were entered for the race. Running across a little meadow, the rebels came out in full sight of and only a few rods in rear of us. As I was attempting to crawl through a fence a bullet struck just above me, splinter-

tion to get through, As soon as I got on my feet I turned my old musket loose, as did many of the others, and the fire soon becoming too hot for the Johnnies, there were any men around, and seeing none, | they beat a hasty retreat, minus one man and two horses.

ing the rail and causing me to break one of the

plates strapped to my back, in my extra exer-

I may be pardoned if I digress here and recall my boast above made in reference to making as good time as any entered for the race. I desire that my report shall be unquestionable. and if left as above written I may be chalvolvers, who had frequently boasted of his wonderful doings and what he would do, etc., who was placed in front, where we exyell was given in our rear was seen going up controversy about the matter (as no doubt there are many living who were eye-witnesses), I will agree now to divide the honors and drop the subject. However, we may all be pardoned, as the rebs did not manage their attack "Right here," he answered. "If you will us through some of the roughest country I her little son and daughter with us to the top in our rear, it rather disarranged our reception tion I readily assented, as it was nothing for a ure, however, which was sadly marred as many ever passed over. Not wishing to be seen of the hill, to show us the path leading down committee; hence the stampede, which under soldier to catch chickens, and I had the repu- familiar names and faces were missed. Many

As the rebs went flying back, more than one done credit to a race horse.

After the excitement had cooled down and my nerves became steady, I went back and looked down the road over which we came, and

An hour or more was consumed in getting | to the ground I hastily walked up to the man

"I received an order to-day," said he, "to the outfit together, gathering up the stock and I thought had done the shooting, and putting. a trench up the mountain-side about 60 feet, | will come or send one of the girls down to | report at Salisbury to guard prisoners; but I | plunder, especially the latter, which caused my nose as close to his as I could, I said : allow I'll send word to them that I have all I | corsiderable quarreling as to ownership, the can do to feed and care for escaped prisoners, terrible excitement causing some to imagine they had more and better plunder than they He said there was no danger of anyone com- really had. My plunder being strapped to me I ing around in the night, and as it continued | was compelled to own it, which was all safe,

We again resumed our march, which was certain the trouble, she informed us that a in thar, boys, and sleep as sound as you would uninterrupted during the rest of the night. A little before daylight we halted the first time since leaving Crab Orchard, and resumed our taken the party doing the shooting and put my march again after sunrise. In the forenoon it nose in a Lieutenant's face—one of his staff march again after sunrise. In the forenoon it began to snow and kept it up the entire day, settlement, having no difficulty in following | causing us to think of the blazing fireplace and comfortable quarters awaiting us, as we passed over Flint Mountain.

Meeting a man from Crab Orchard who inwith a large force of cavalry, we headed our advance-guard. course back up the mountain and held a consultation, deciding to drive our stock down into a little cove and hide them in a laurel thicket, after which a part of our company



HOLD UP YOUR HANDS.

much larger force than we expected.

THE BUSHWHACKING ENTERPRISE was abandoned and we went a short distance up the mountain and waited for daylight. To our satisfaction we saw the enemy move day and nearly all night. Hearing there were out of the valley early in the morning, and was my first experience with green chestnuts, two or three rebel soldiers in the neighborhood, going back to where the stock had been concealed the entire command moved toward Crab Orchard.

The day after our arrival the stock was divided, our squad receiving two horses and three head of cattle, which we divided with McReynolds and Banner.

We now began to think of our journey to Knoxville, and on Dec. 29 we bade our kind friends adied and again started for the Union lines; learning the first day out that the 3d N. C. Cay, commanded by Col, Kirk, was on the Nola Chucky River just above Rod Banks, which caused three rousing cheers for the good news from our little party. Knowing that we could not hope to reach

Col. Kirk's command before the next evening, nevertheless our traveling was done that afternoon with much lighter hearts than any preceding one in our long journey. Lieut. Taylor had a horse he captured in our

raid to Johnson County, and we prevailed upon him to sell it and use the proceeds to pay our way as long as it lasted, and just before we halted for the night be did so, receiving \$30. With this amount in the treasury we felt independent and would not be obliged to beg as long as the eash held out.

Halting for the night in Limestone Cove, we resumed our journey early the next morning in a blinding snowstorm, but being in such close proximity to our troops we did not mind it at all and trudged along through it until noon, when we stopped for dinner with a man

Serg't W. E. Dove, of Ohio, (I did not learn his regiment,) and several more (I failed to get their names) joined our party at Crab Orchard. Just before our arrival a son of our host, a Lieutenant in Col. Kirk's regiment, had come home on a short visit to his parents. He assured us that we were comparatively out of danger, and after partaking of a sumptuous dinner we again set out, under escort of Lieut. Morrison, and arrived at Col. Kirk's headquarters about sauset, where, soon after our about a quarter of a mile distant. Some of the arrival, we were surprised to see Stover and Murphy come marching into camp. From apof camp life were packed on a couple of horses, with his wife and children.

Col. Kirk began his retreat a few days after we joined him, and as he had several sick and and dashed into the brush, riding as hard as I Phillips, of Co. E, heard the ball strike wounded our progress was necessarily slow. We were followed and harassed by bushwhackers from the time the retreat began, | right direction, which I followed and went to Cot. Kirk being often compelled to form his regiment into line to resist their attacks, and I arrived at Knoxville thenext day, Jan. 12, to go off the field. As he passed Phillips he at Raytown it looked as if we were to have a 1865, and after disposing of my horse, reported

During the night Col. Kirk learned of an intended night attack upon him, and not wish-



AMONG THE BOYS AGAIN. ing to take the chances, which were against him, we quietly slipped out of camp and crossed the Nola Chucky River about sunrise.

The next day we moved slowly and camped buried. early in the afternoon. As it rained, our party stopped at a large farmhouse, and having the | bad to ask and answer innumerable questions, money to pay our way, concluded to make the | The boys wanted to know where I had been lenged by a certain soldier (if alive) who was best of it, so after making arrangements for and what I had done, and I wanted to know armed with a Winchester rifle and two re- supper, we were shown up stairs to a large | the same of them. room and comfortable fire.

After two or three hours we began to get uneasy about our supper, and I volunteered to go Newman, in the rear of Atlanta, they had been pected the greatest danger, but when the rebel | down and see about it. Imagine my astonishment when I was told that we had eaten our grade, making probably better time than I did. suppers. I insisted that we had not, and would Sherman had cut loose from his base and However, rather than there should be any have known something about it if we had done marched to the sea. Hood's army had been

it, not knowing that we had ordered it. Not being inclined to give up our supper. I as we had arranged; they made a perfect went to the kitchen to interview the cook, who blunder. We had arranged for them in our said everything cooked had been eaten, but if I front, expecting them to try and head us off. | would catch a couple of chickens they would | Winter quarters. At roll call what a pleasure

The chickens were roosting in an apple tree ain, a mile away, at a pace which would have all flew out. Just then several men stepped slaughter-pens; through the lurking dangers Sept. 20, one year and three days from the

my -- Indians prowling around there." (He had one company of Indians in his com-It was the Colonel that had shot, simply to scare an Indian as he thought, and I had mis-

if you want to know."

"Now, sir! I can tell you what I was doing,

"Hello! there, Farnsworth, is that you?"

called out Col. Kirk, "I thought it was one of

Explaining matters to the Colonel, he told me to call out some of the negroes and make them eatch the chickens; but the darky was a total failure, and we went to bed supperless, formed us Gen. J. H. Morgan was in the Orchard | right on the eve of an exciting time with the

> CHAPTER XII. COL. KIRK LOANED ME A HORSE-SKIRMISH- A GALLANT WOMAN. ING-EXCHANGED HORSE-GOT ONE OF MY OWN-ON WAY TO KNOXVILLE OUTWITTED OFFICER AND GOT AWAY WITH HORSE. PANY WITH HALL AND VOLL, OF SQUAD, AT NASHVILLE-REACHED MY REGIMENT. The next morning we resumed the march. During the forenoon the Colonel dismounted one of his men for disobedience of orders-fall-

ing out of the ranks too often-and gave me his horse, and borrowing a revolver from one man and a carbine from another, I struck out for the advance-guard. Soon after reaching the advance we were fired upon by bush whackers. Halting without returning the salute, they quickly got back into the brush. Thinking they would make a detour and again strike the road ahead of as, we dashed down the road as soon as they were out of sight, and coming up with them just as

they came out of the brush a quarter of a mile ahead, we gave them a volley. One of them called out "I'm wounded." Riding up to him I found one of his arms had been broken near the shoulder. I assisted him to dismount. I turned the horse I was riding oose, and mounting his rode away. The horse I was riding was simply loaned to me for the time being as a punishment for disobeying orders. I traded to get a horse that I could went down to the Crab Orchard to bushwack | keep. I soon overtook the advance-guard again the rebs during the night. Finding the rebs | at the French Broad River, about half a mile Johnnies were shot while crossing and fell into | formed across a ridge which extended ob-

After they were beyond the range of our guns started back in search of the wounded man and | work of logs a few hundred yards in front cut through the brush I was mistaken for a reb by some of Col. Kirk's men, who fired several stand who I was, some of them coming nacom- Reynolds." fortably near my anatomy.

Going back to where I left the wounded man holes. Inquiring the cause, I learned that one of Col. Kirk's men, too sick to travel, had been left in that neighborhood when the command went up; that this fellow and several others had found and shot him, and a brother had taken satisfaction by shooting the wounded

We crossed the river with difficulty, as it was deep and rapid, and camped a short distance from it. The bushwhackers were quiet, and not a shot was fired during the night, but daylight revealed the unpleasant fact that they had stolen 12 horses belonging to the com-

They made things as hot as they could all the next day, attacking us after we had gone into camp, but we gave them all the fighting they wanted during the evening, and in the morning not a Johany could be found, they, like the Arab, having "silently stole away," without even a parting salute, and they

I mistrusted that Col. Kirk intended to take away from me the horse I had captured, and feeling that I had taken as many chances as any of his men in the fight, concluded that I had as good right to the ownership of the horse as anybody, and he would have to outgeneral me

Acting upon this idea, I saddled up and quietly stole out of camp in the early morning, calculating to reach Knoxville a day or two in | spot, just before a charge on our works, advance of Col. Kirk, and rode as fast as I could for several hours. About 10 o'clock I was overtaken by a Lieu-

unconcernedly as possible. THE DAY WAS COLD pearances we judged that Murphy had made and acting upon a suggestion of mine we all rather a hasty exit, as a few of the necessities | stopped at a house to get warm. I was longer | formerly his Captain, standing looking down tying my horse than they and said I would be in in a minute. As soon as the door closed behind them, I untied and mounted my horse could for an hour or so, then taking it more | Corp'l Wood, saw him fall, and thought him

no questions, but jegged along with them as

foggy and raining, and we sought to find the ble, get as much stock as we could, and retreat. lively time, but only a slight skirmish ensued, to Gen. S. P. Carter, Provost-Marshal of East We succeeded in getting 20 horses and 38 head and the enemy fell back, when we went into Tennessee, who gave me an order on the Quartermaster for a suit of clothes.

> haifed him and asked if he got that horse the Colonel sent him after? "Ah!" said he; "then you knew we were and was in the same hospital (Big Springs

after your horse?" "To be sure I did, I replied, "And let me give you a little good advice. Always execute an order the first opportunity, lest you assist him off the field. He crawled a few give the secret away and get left in the lurch." | rods to the rear, unaided, and gave out, but The next day Hall and the rest of our squad came in and reported to Gen. Carter, who gave them orders also for uniforms.

Hall and I separated. Here I was informed that my regiment was in Mississippi. Several days elapsed before I could get trans- wounded in the chin at Antietam by an portation, but I finally turned up at Eastport, only to learn that my regiment was up and

Crossing the river, I reached camp after a Big Springs two days, and went back to two hours' walk, and as it was about 9 p. m. when I arrived, most of the boys had gone to I groped my way through camp the best I could, asking for Co. I, until a familiar voice

he yelled, "Boys, that's John Farnsworth!" In less than a minute I was surrounded by old comrades, all eager to shake my hand, as they had long since given me up as dead and We did not get much sleep that night, as I

I had a long story to tell, and so had they.

Since we parted on the 30th day of July at making history at a rapid rate. Atlanta, the Citadel of the South, had fallen; Uncle Billy shattered and hurled back from Nashville by It seems that Col. Kirk and staff had come | the balance-wheel of the Army of the Cumberin just as our supper was ready, and confiscated | land, "Pap" Thomas, and our regiment was now preparing to follow and invade their last remaining stronghold as soon as Spring opened, What a flood of recollections rolled in upon

me as I sat in the but the boys had built for

in our company by his acquaintances, he left to Austin's, where we arrived just before dark, the circumstances should be blamed on the tation of being an expert when with my regi- had answered to the final roll call, and others City, where for three weeks it was hard to had been mustered out. Now, kind readers, having followed me of our men could be seen going up the mount- in the back yard, and when I climbed it they through trials and tribulations in Southern

out upon the porch, and one of them demanded: of swamps and forests, tracked by blood-"What in the -- are you doing up there?" | hounds; vermin-covered and scurvied, until Thinking it was none of his business, I made once more I stand a free man under the shelter. | the left eye, the ball coming out at the back no reply, and the next instant two shots from ing folds of the glorious old Stars and Stripes, of my neck. The last wound, although for 40 rods or more it was thickly strewn with a revolver whizzed by my head. This was and breathe in the patriotic inspiration emamore than I had bargained for, and dropping nating therefrom, I bid you all adieu.

called out, "Here it is!" Then in a louder tone

NOT DEAD YET.

ball was cut out by the Surgeon of the 11th tell which way the tide would turn. * * * Was wounded again at Chickamauga on date of the first wound. I was shot under nearly killing me at the time by the shock, has never caused me any inconvenience; but